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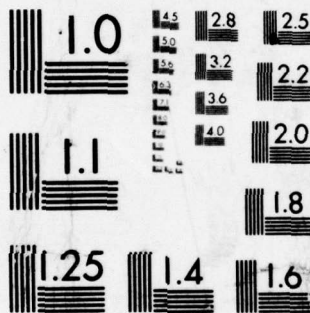
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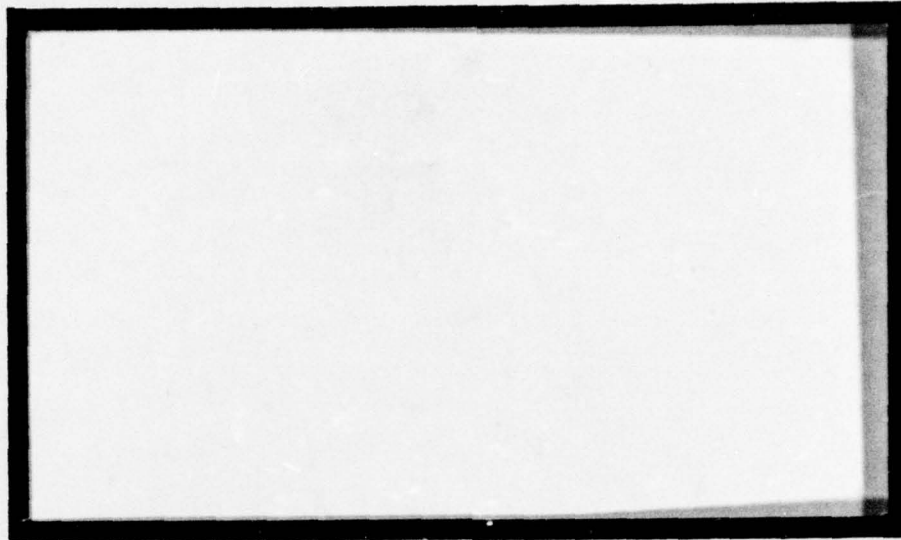
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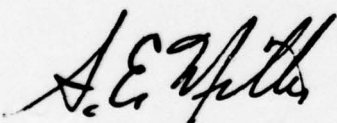
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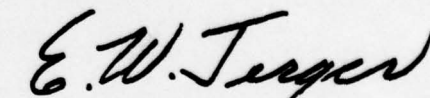
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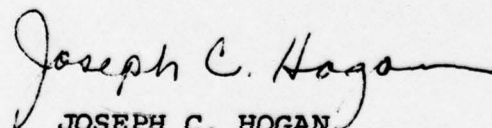
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## MAGNETIZATION, MAGNETOSTRICTION AND MAGNETOCRYSTALLINE ANISOTROPY IN SOME $R_2Co_{17}$ COMPOUNDS

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Introduction: The purpose of this paper is to present the results of a study of the temperature dependence of the saturation magnetization, magnetocrystalline anisotropy and magnetostriction of the  $R_2Co_{17}$  compounds ( $R=Y, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm$  and  $Lu$ ) and the pseudobinary alloys  $Y_{2x}Dy_{2(1-x)}Co_{17}$  and  $Lu_{2x}Tm_{2(1-x)}Co_{17}$  (where  $x = 1/3, 2/3$ ).

The magnetocrystalline anisotropy energy  $(1)$  in the hexagonal  $R_2Co_{17}$  compounds is given by,

$$E_A = K_1 \sin^2 \theta + K_2 \sin^4 \theta \quad (1)$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle between the magnetization vector  $M_z$  and the hexagonal C-axis.  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are determined by a least square fit of the measured magnetization curve along the hard axis to the theoretical equations of magnetization given by Sucksmith and Thompson  $(2)$ . The magnetically induced strain in the hexagonal compounds as a function of the direction of strain measurement, direction of magnetization and the magnetostriction constants  $\lambda^R, \lambda^E$  and  $\lambda^C$  is given by Callen and Callen  $(3)$ . The magnetostriction constant  $\lambda^R$  describes the distortion in the basal plane

Callen and Shtrickman  $(5)$  have shown that the temperature dependence of the spin averages can be represented by a hyperbolic Bessel function of the reduced magnetization. Therefore, if the magnetic behavior of the rare earth ion is single ion in nature, the magnetostriction constant  $(\lambda^R)$  and the anisotropy coefficients  $(K_i)$  of the rare earth sublattice, denoted by the superscript R, can be related to the magnetization of the rare earth sublattice by the following relationship.

$$\lambda^R(T,H) = \lambda^R(O,H) \hat{I}_{L+1/2}(\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{m(T,H)}{m(O,H)}) \quad (2)$$

$$K^R(T,H) = K^R(O,H) \hat{I}_{L+1/2}(\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{m(T,H)}{m(O,H)}) \quad (3)$$

$$\text{where, } \lambda^R(T,H) = \lambda^R Co_{17}(T,H) - \lambda^C Co(T,H) \quad (4)$$

$$K^R(T,H) = K^R Co_{17}(T,H) - K^C Co(T,H) \quad (5)$$

$$\lambda^R(T,H) = m^R Co_{17}(T,H) - m^C Co(T,H) \quad (6)$$

and  $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{m(T,H)}{m(O,H)}$  is the inverse Langevin function of the reduced magnetization.

An additional criteria for single ion behavior is the direct dependence of the magnitude of magnetization, anisotropy and magnetostriction of the rare-earth sublattice on the fraction of rare-earth ion in the compound  $(6)$ .

If  $\lambda^R(O,H)$  and  $K^R(O,H)$  is known for one type of ion, it is possible to predict the values of these constants for the other rare earth ions from the following relationship  $(7,8)$ .

$$\frac{\lambda^R(O,H)}{\lambda^R(O,H)} = \frac{K^R(O,H)}{K^R(O,H)} = \frac{\alpha_1 J_1(J_1 - \frac{1}{2})}{\alpha_2 J_2(J_2 - \frac{1}{2})} \frac{(r_1^2)_1}{(r_1^2)_2} \quad (7)$$

where,  $R_1, R_2$  are two types of rare earth ions,  $\alpha$  is the Stevens equivalent operator coefficient, and  $(r_1^2)$  is the average square of the orbital radius of the 4f electron.

Experimental: The saturation magnetization, magnetostriction constant  $\lambda^R$  and magnetization curves in the easy and hard directions, were determined from 77.4°K to 450°K on single crystals of the  $R_2Co_{17}$  compounds and pseudobinaries. Details of specimen preparation and experimental technique have been described in previous papers  $(9,10,11,12)$ .

Results and Discussion:  $Y_2Co_{17}, Dy_2Co_{17}, Tb_2Co_{17}, Ho_2Co_{17}$  and the pseudobinaries in the  $Y_2Co_{17}-Dy_2Co_{17}$  system are all easy basal plane, while  $Tm_2Co_{17}, Er_2Co_{17}$  and the pseudobinaries in the  $Tm_2Co_{17}-Lu_2Co_{17}$  system are easy C-axis in the temperature range 77.4°K to 400°K. The two pseudobinaries in the  $Y_2Co_{17}-Dy_2Co_{17}$  system develop basal plane anisotropy at low temperatures.  $Lu_2Co_{17}$  is easy basal at 77.4°K and develops an easy cone as a function of increasing temperature. The directions of easy magnetization of all the compounds except  $Lu_2Co_{17}$  are in good agreement with that reported in literature  $(13)$ . The difference in easy direction between the  $Lu_2Co_{17}$  single crystal used in this study and the aligned powders of  $Lu_2Co_{17}$  of Givord and Lemaire  $(14)$  who used the x-ray intensity technique, may be due to a difference in composition. Such a composition dependence of the direction of easy magnetization has been reported for  $Y_2Co_{17}$ .

The temperature dependence of the saturation magnetization of all the compounds is shown in Fig. 1. The  $x_{R_2}$  densities of the compounds determined by Strnat and Ostertag  $(15)$  were used to obtain emu/cc. Yttrium and Lutetium are non-magnetic and therefore the magnetic behavior of  $Y_2Co_{17}$  and  $Lu_2Co_{17}$  is essentially that of cobalt. The magnetization  $(16)$  of the



in calculating  $M_s$ , it has been assumed that the densities are a linear function of composition of the pseudobinary which may not be true. These two factors could account for the deviations from direct proportionality observed in some of the pseudobinaries.

The dependence of  $\lambda^Y$  and  $K_1$  for the Dy sublattice and  $K_1$  for the Tm sublattice on the rare earth sublattice magnetization are shown in Figs. 9(a,b) and 10 respectively. Differences between behavior in the different compounds in the same system could be due to the crystal field effects resulting from differing c/a ratios for the different rare earth contents. Corrections for this effect have not been made to date. This is similar to the magnetoelastic contribution to anisotropy observed in the pure rare earths<sup>9,28</sup>.

The dependence on magnetization of  $K_1$  Er and  $K_1$  Ho,  $K_1$  Tb and  $(\lambda^Y)$  Tb are shown in Figs. 11, 12 respectively.  $K_1$  shows good agreement with single ion behavior, whereas  $K_1$  Er and  $K_1$  Tb do not. This could be due to the lack of high field, hard-axis magnetization data necessary for accurately determining  $K_1$  Er and  $K_1$  Tb which may be significant in these compounds.  $\lambda^Y$  for the Tb ion shows excellent agreement with single ion behavior.

Table I shows a comparison between the  $\lambda^Y(O,H)$  and  $K(O,H)$  determined experimentally and those predicted by equation (7) with dysprosium as a basis of comparison. The predictions for  $K(O,H)$  are in excellent agreement with experiment. The discrepancy for the magnetostriction of the Tb ion is not understood.

Conclusions: The direct dependence of the magnetization, anisotropy and magnetostriction on the rare-earth content indicate that Dy and Tm may be single ion in nature in the  $R_2Co_{17}$  compounds. However, the composition, dependence of the crystal field interaction on c/a ratio and the anisotropy constant  $K_2$  has to be determined before the single ion nature of the rare earth ions can be fully documented.

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lattices of Tb, Dy, Ho, Er and Tm sublattice from that of the cobalt sublattice according to the ferrimagnetic model for heavy rare earths, as described by Strnat<sup>13</sup>.

The room temperature saturation magnetization values agree very well with those reported by Strnat et al<sup>17</sup> for all the compounds except  $Ho_2Co_{17}$  and  $Tb_2Co_{17}$ . The data obtained by these authors was from aligned powders and the saturation magnetization values were corrected for the presence of cobalt in these samples. Secondly, the magnetization values are extrapolated values for most of the compounds. A further comparison of saturation magnetization values at room temperature and  $(174^\circ K)$  with those reported on aligned powders by Laforest et al<sup>17</sup> again shows lack of agreement for  $Tm_2Co_{17}$ ,  $Ho_2Co_{17}$  and  $Er_2Co_{17}$ . However Laforest et al indicate that there could be a large error for these compounds because of the likelihood of lack of saturation. The saturation magnetization values reported by Narasimhan and Wallace<sup>19</sup> for  $Lu_2Co_{17}$ ,  $Tm_2Co_{17}$  and  $Er_2Co_{17}$  are consistently higher than those reported here<sup>17</sup> which could indicate that their samples are richer in cobalt.

Fig. 2 shows the magnetostriction constant  $\lambda^Y$  for  $Tb_2Co_{17}$ ,  $Lu_2Co_{17}$ ,  $Y_2Co_{17}$  and  $Dy_2Co_{17}$ .  $\lambda^Y$  for  $Dy_2Co_{17}$  changes sign at about  $100^\circ K$ .

The temperature dependence of the anisotropy constant  $K_1$  for all the compounds is shown in Fig. 3.  $K_1$  is positive for  $Er_2Co_{17}$  and  $Tm_2Co_{17}$  which are easy C-axis. The anisotropy of  $Tb_2Co_{17}$  and  $Dy_2Co_{17}$  is extremely high at low temperatures and therefore the accuracy of determining  $K_1$  is low. The anisotropy constant  $K_1$  for  $Y_2Co_{17}$  agrees well with that reported by Strnat<sup>17</sup>. The room temperature values of  $K_1$  for aligned powders of  $Tm_2Co_{17}$  and  $Er_2Co_{17}$  reported by Narasimhan and Wallace<sup>19</sup> are much lower. ( $K_1$   $Er_2Co_{17}$  =  $0.27 \times 10^7$  ergs/cc,  $K_1$   $Tm_2Co_{17}$  =  $0.43 \times 10^7$  ergs/cc).

Figs. 4, 5, 6 show the contribution of the Dy sublattice to  $M_s$ ,  $\lambda^Y$  and  $K_1$ . The contribution of the Dy sublattice to  $M_s$ ,  $\lambda^Y$  and  $K_1$  was obtained from eq. 4, 5, and 6.

Figs. 7 and 8 show the contribution of the Tm sublattice to  $M_s$  and  $K_1$  of  $Tm_2Co_{17}$  and the two pseudobinaries. The cobalt contribution to  $K_1$  in these compounds was determined from pure cobalt<sup>13</sup> which has an easy axis as in the case of Tm containing compounds.

The contribution of the Dy and Tm sublattices to the  $R_2Co_{17}$  compounds are directly proportional to the fraction of rare earth ions in the compound within reasonable limits. The exact compositions of these compounds are as yet undetermined. Also,

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Table I. Comparison of theoretical and experimental coefficients.

	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm
$\alpha(r^2)(J(J-\frac{1}{2}))$	104	100	38	-37	-88
$\lambda^Y(0)$ expt.	+123	-232			
$\lambda^Y(0)$ theoretical	-241	-232	-89	88	204
$\chi_1(0) \times 10^7$ expt.	-25	-31.6	-13.5	+10.3	43
$\chi_1(0) \times 10^7$ theoretical	-33	-31.6	-12.0	+11.7	+28

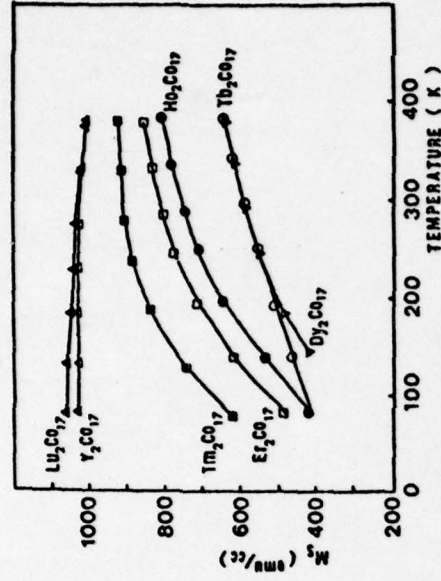


Fig. 1. The temperature dependence of the saturation magnetization ( $M_s$ ) for the  $R_2Co_{17}$  compounds.

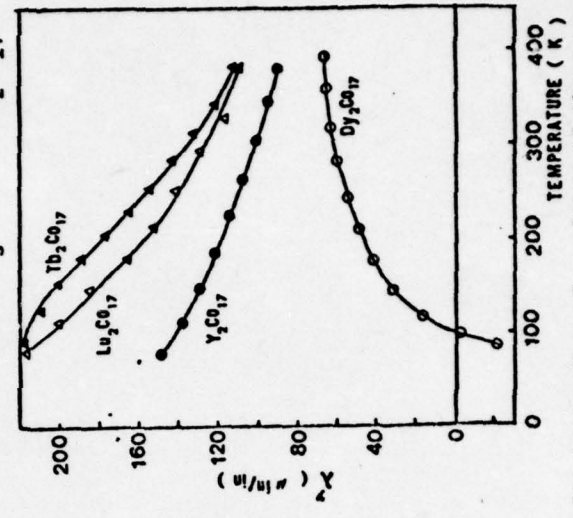


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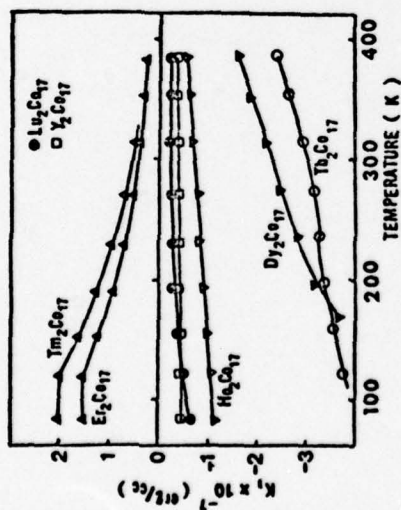


Fig. 3. The temperature dependence of the anisotropy constant  $K_1$  for the  $R_2Co_{17}$  compounds.

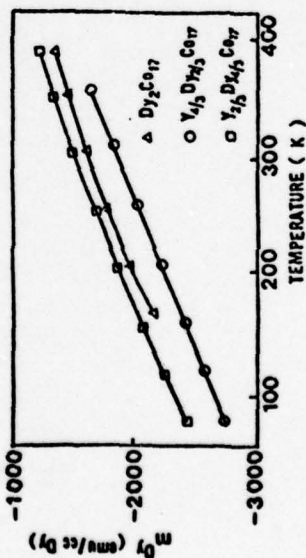


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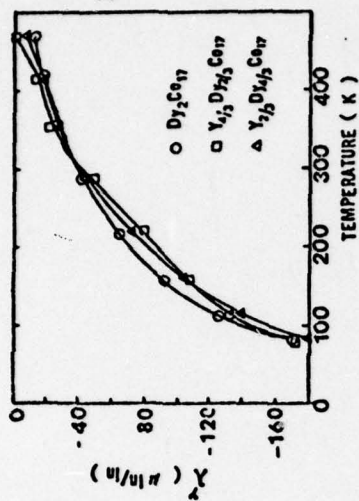


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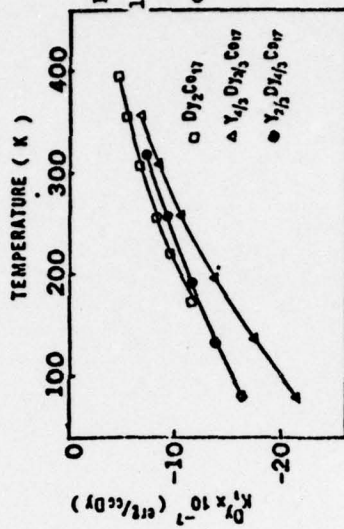


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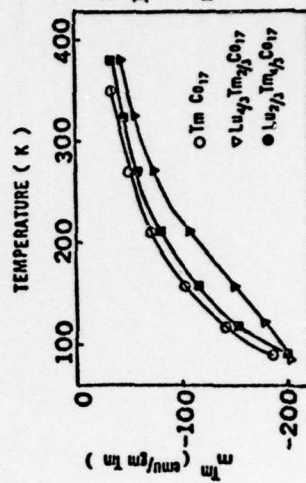


Fig. 7. The Tm sublattice contribution to the saturation magnetization.



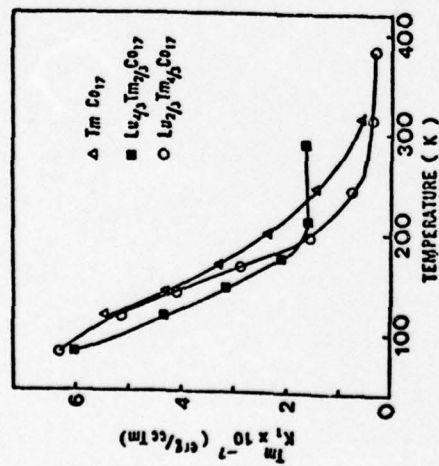


Fig. 8. The Tm sublattice contribution to the anisotropy constant  $K_1$ .

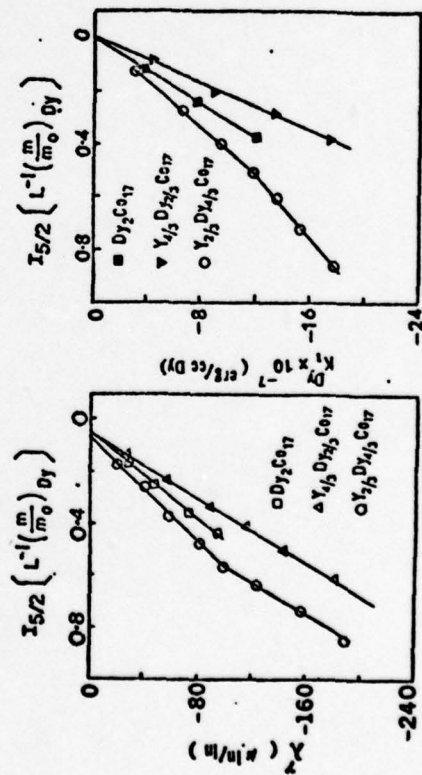


Fig. 9. The dependence on magnetization of the Dy sublattice contribution to (a)  $\lambda^Y$  (b)  $K_1$ .

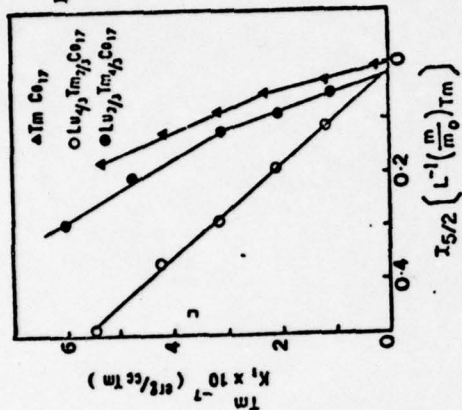


Fig. 10. The dependence on magnetization of the Tm sublattice

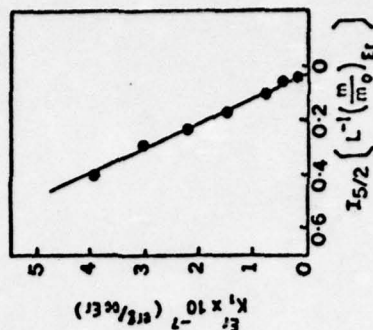


Fig. 11. The dependence on magnetization of  $K_1$  Er and  $K_1$  Ho.

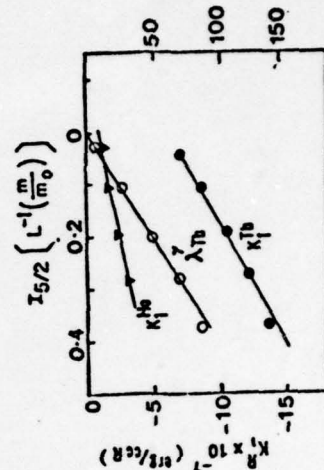


Fig. 12. The dependence on magnetization of  $(\lambda^Y)_{Tb}$  and  $(K_1)_{Tb}$ .

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## Fault Structures in Rare Earth-Cobalt Intermetallics

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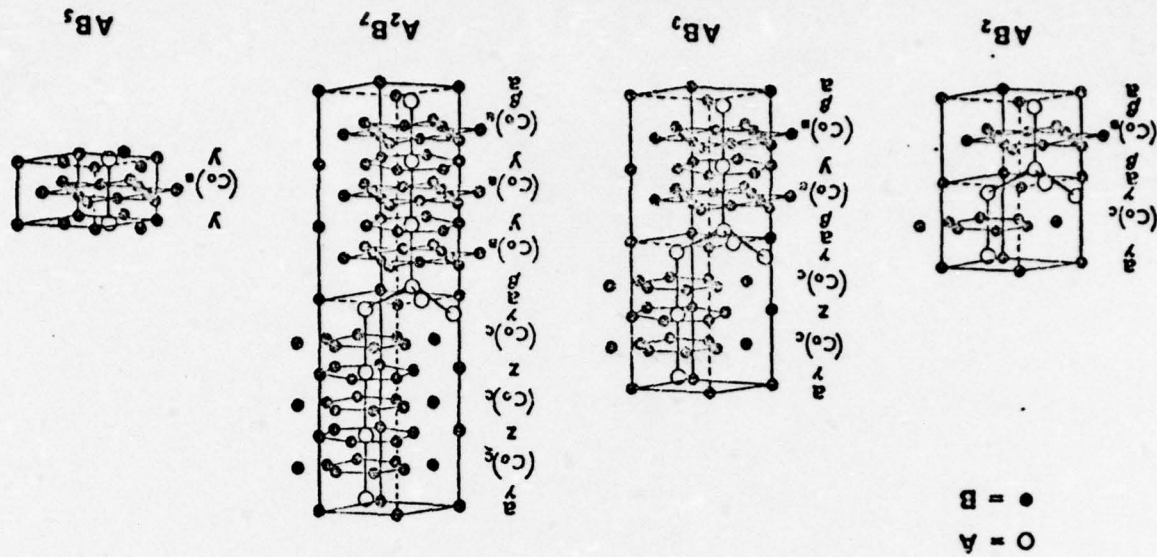
**Introduction:** In dealing with materials which may undergo a shear (simple martensitic) transformation or which may contain planar compositional faulting, it is valuable to employ a stacking sequence notation, a structural symbolism, which may be developed for any layer-like structure. The purpose of this paper is to present such a conventional notation, as far as possible consistent for all possible phases in rare earth-transition element systems ranging from  $\text{RCo}_2$  through  $\text{R}_2\text{Co}_{17}$ , and then to illustrate briefly application of this notation to shear transformations, shear structure development and the nature of homologous series of phases within such systems.

**Ideal Structures:** The various structures exhibited by R-Co analogs of phases such as  $\text{AB}_2$ ,  $\text{AB}_3$ ,  $\text{A}_2\text{B}_7$ ,  $\text{AB}_5$  and  $\text{A}_2\text{B}_{17}$  have been well documented and shown to be closely related to one another (1,2,3,4). This is illustrated in Fig. 1 for the 2H form of  $\text{AB}_2$ ,  $\text{AB}_3$ ,  $\text{AB}_5$  and for  $\text{AB}_7$  for which only 1H is possible. In the first three cases rhombohedral forms (3R) are also well known. In this form the Laves phase  $\text{AB}_2$  is usually face-centered cubic or nearly so.

It is clear from Fig. 1 that stacking sequence models of these structures may be made which contain four ingredient layers, demonstrated for  $\text{AB}_2$  and  $\text{AB}_3$  in Figs. 2 and 3. These show exploded views of the layers which make up the fundamental stacking units of the respective structures. With reference to the R-Co phases, the layer elements are

1. A loosely packed R-layer in  $\text{RCo}_2$  (to be designated a, b, or y). 1 R-atom per unit cell layer.
2. A nearly close packed Co-layer with ordered omissions in  $\text{RCo}_2$  and  $\text{RCo}_5$  ((Co)<sub>A</sub>, (Co)<sub>B</sub> or (Co)<sub>C</sub>). 3 Co-atoms per unit cell layer.
3. A dispersed Co-layer in  $\text{RCo}_2$  (a, b or c). 1 Co-atom per unit cell layer.
4. A topologically close packed mixed layer containing 2 Co to 1 R in  $\text{RCo}_4$  (x, y or z). 2 Co-atoms and 1 R-atom per unit cell layer.

Fig. 1. Unit cells for the 2H modifications of  $\text{RCo}_2$ ,  $\text{RCo}_5$  and  $\text{R}_2\text{Co}_{17}$  and for the 1H  $\text{RCo}_5$  (after Ref. 1 and 2). Stacking sequence representation is included for each.





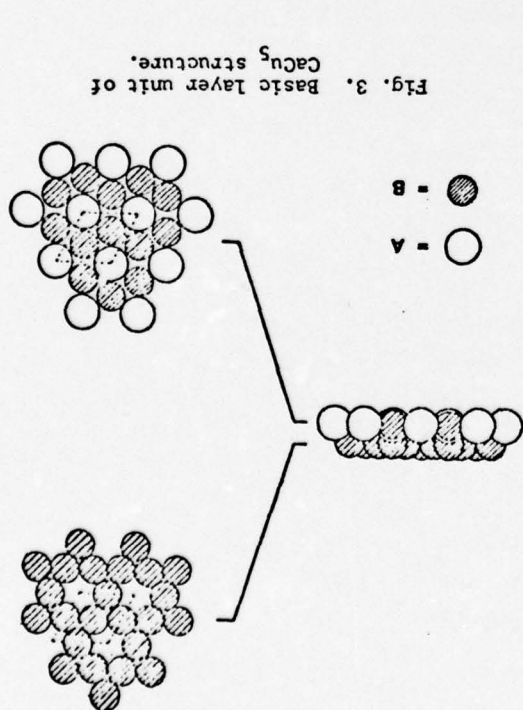


Fig. 3. Basic layer unit of  $\text{CaCu}_5$  structure.

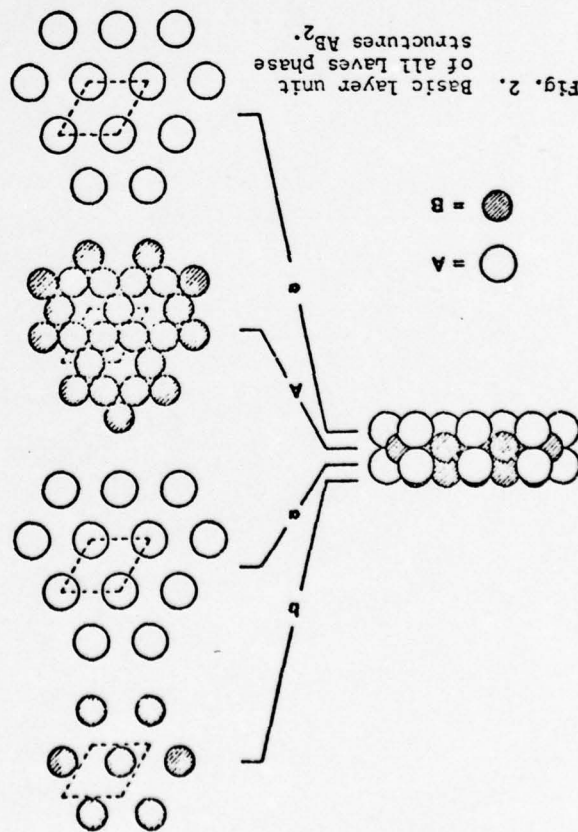


Fig. 2. Basic layer unit of all Laves phase structures  $\text{AB}_2$ .

Various combinations of these layers result in an endless sequence of compositions between  $\text{RCO}_2$  and  $\text{RCO}_5$ , which include those proposed by Strnat and Ray (4).  $\text{RCO}_3$  and  $\text{R}_2\text{Co}_7$  are two such possibilities.

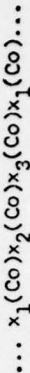
The Greek and Roman symbols provide a shorthand representation of the position of a given layer with respect to some fixed reference grid, just as the designation ...ABACBAC... does for the Sm structure. The reference grid is shown in Fig. 4 in terms of "key positions" X, Y and Z. The subscripts 1, 2, 3 are superfluous except for subsequent discussion of  $\text{R}_2\text{Co}_{17}$ . Conventions for naming the layer positions are summarized in Table 1. Except for the compact Co-layers  $((\text{Co})_A, (\text{Co})_B, (\text{Co})_C)$ , the position designations are determined by obvious atom positions (in the mixed layer, the R-positions, except in  $\text{R}_2\text{Co}_{17}$ ). For compact Co-layers, the designation follows the positions of atom omission. The stacking sequences resulting from these conventions are included in Fig. 1.

For the phases  $\text{R}_2\text{Co}_{17}$ , the mixed R-Co layer (Fig. 3) is modified as shown in Fig. 5, with 1/3 of the R-atoms replaced by Co-pairs ordered, as shown, in the hexagonal and rhombohedral forms of these phases. As a consequence the base section of each unit cell is larger than that for the other R-Co phases. For  $\text{R}_2\text{Co}_{17}$ ,  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  are indicated in Fig. 5 in relation to those for the other phases. Now the subscripted key position designations of Fig. 4 are necessary as summarized in Table 1, with position of the mixed layer keyed to the positions of the Co-pairs, not of the R-atoms.

Thus an ordered 2H form of  $\text{R}_2\text{Co}_{17}$  is represented



and a 3R form,



as has been discussed previously with a slightly different stacking sequence notation (5,6).

Transformations and Faults: Diffusionless shear transformations of the type  $2\text{H} \rightleftharpoons 3\text{R}$  have been demonstrated for virtually all R-Co phase types except  $\text{RCO}_5$  in which this is not possible structurally.

Shear transformations result from structural faulting accompanying the glide of Shockley-type partial dislocations which, under the circumstances, may be called glissile transformation dislocations. With respect to the initial structure, such glide

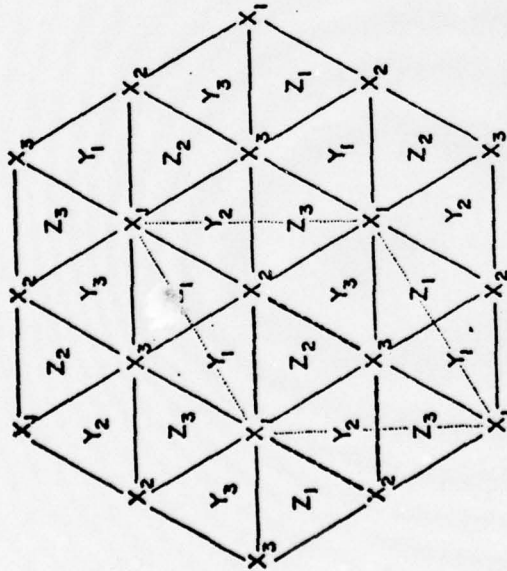


Fig. 4. Key layer positions for the rare earth-cobalt phases  $RCo_2$  through  $R_2Co_{17}$ . Numerical subscripts refer only to  $R_2Co_{17}$ . Unit cells for  $RCo_2$ - $RCo_5$  (---) and  $R_2Co_{17}$  (...) are shown.

Table 1. Designation of Layers in Rare Earth-Cobalt Intermetallics in Relation to Fig. 4

Key Positions	R-Layer	Mixed Layer	Compact Co-Layer	Dispersed Phase's Co-Layer
$X, Y, Z$	$a, b, c$	—	$(Co)_A^a (Co)_B^b (Co)_C^c$	$a, b, c$ $RCo_2$
$X, Y, Z$	$a, b, c$	$x, y, z$	$(Co)_A^a (Co)_B^b (Co)_C^c$	$a, b, c$ $RCo_3$ $R_2Co_7$ $R_5Co_{17}$
$X, Y, Z$	—	$xyxz$	$(Co)_A^a (Co)_B^b (Co)_C^c (Co)$	— $RCo_5$
$X_1, X_2, Z_3$ $Y_1, Y_2, Y_3$ $Z_1, Z_2, Z_3$	—	$x_1, x_2, z_3$ $y_1, y_2, y_3$ $z_1, z_2, z_3$	$(Co)_A^a (Co)_B^b (Co)_C^c (Co)$	— $R_2Co_{17}$

results in the propagation of extensive faulting. The spacial ordering of such faults produces new structures.

Similarly in high ordered phases, transformations involving both structural and compositional changes are often achieved by the growth of "compositional faults", the formation of which also is accompanied normally by a lattice shear. Accordingly the resultant faults are commonly called shear structures; the compositional faults are called CS (crystallographic shear) planes or non-conservative APB (antiphase boundaries). The edge-wise boundary of such a CS plane within the parent crystal is a sessile partial dislocation, edgewise growth of the fault corresponding to its climb. The spacial ordering of CS planes produces new structures just as in the case of regular faulting in a shear transformation.

The question of CS planes has been raised in connection with the mechanism of the eutectoid decomposition of  $SrCo_5$  (7,8) and now as a way of developing a host of compounds from  $RCo_2$ - $R_2Co_{17}$ . Both involve systematic substitution of R for Co in some of the mixed layers, which create an unstable geometrical situation

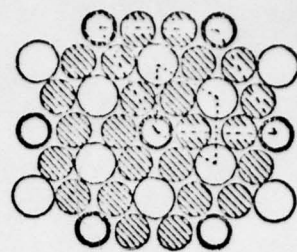


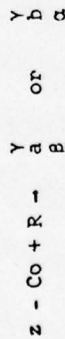
Fig. 5. The mixed atom layer of the  $Th_2Zn_{17}$  and  $Th_2Ni_{17}$  structures of  $R_2Co_{17}$ .



relieved partly by shear. For instance this may be represented in the formation of  $R_2Co_7$  from  $RCO_5$  (4) as



In terms of the stacking sequence notation, a mixed layer, for example z, is modified in the following manner by this substitution:



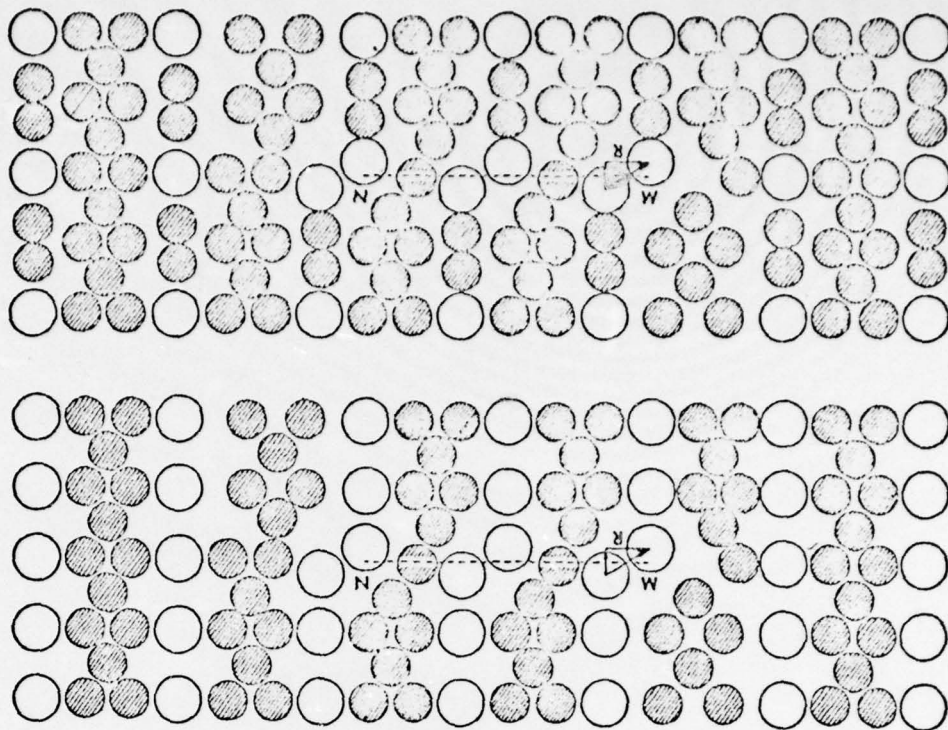
depending on the Co chosen. This is just the central part of the Laves phase  $AB_2$  or of  $AB_3$  or  $A_2B_3$  depicted in Fig. 1. For  $R_2Co_7$ , such a reaction must occur every third mixed layer. All of the structures in the composition interval  $RCO_2 - RCO_5$  may be regarded as shear structures based on  $RCO_5$ .

Essentially the same thing is true of  $R_2Co_{17}$ , where division from stoichiometry may possibly be accommodated by CS plane formation. The structure is more complicated than in the previous case, however, because of the presence of Co-pairs in the mixed R/Co layers. The essential result is the same though as illustrated by Fig. 6 which shows a CS plane model for  $RCO_5$  (8, corrected) and  $R_2Co_{17}$  (9). In the latter case the particular section shown does not include the Co-pairs associated with the planar defect, however. In both cases, sessile partial dislocations, M and N, are also shown, along with lattice displacements characterizing the defects. As determined for  $SmCo_5$  (7), the shear displacement vector R produces a systematic shift in the stacking sequence notation for the lower part of the crystal of the type  $Z_2 - Y_1, Y_2$  or  $Y_3$ . That is, if  $Z_2 \rightarrow Y_1$ , then  $Z_2 - Y_1, (Co)_B - (Co)_A$  etc.

The faulting accompanying shear transformations has been discussed at length for  $R_2Co_{17}$  (5,6,10) and is illustrated in Fig. 7 for the case of  $2H^2 - 4H$ . Each dashed line represents the glide plane of a glissile transformation dislocation having one of three Burgers vectors appropriate to the displacement indicated. In like manner it is possible to generate any stacking sequence for phases such as  $RCO_3, R_2Co_7$  etc.

Returning finally to the question of homologous series of phases in the composition interval  $RCO_2$  to  $RCO_5$ , Fig. 8 compares the stacking sequence representation to the Crömer-Larson scheme (4) for the unit cell of one of the 1H forms of  $R_2Co_7$ . Here the Crömer-Larson scheme has been modified slightly to emphasize the location of CS planes within the basic  $RCO_5$  pattern. It should be noted that there are several fundamentally different 1H forms of this phase in addition to that shown in Fig. 8,

Fig. 6. CS planes limited by sessile partial dislocation in  $RCO_5$  (after (8), corrected) and in  $R_2Co_{17}$  (after (9)).



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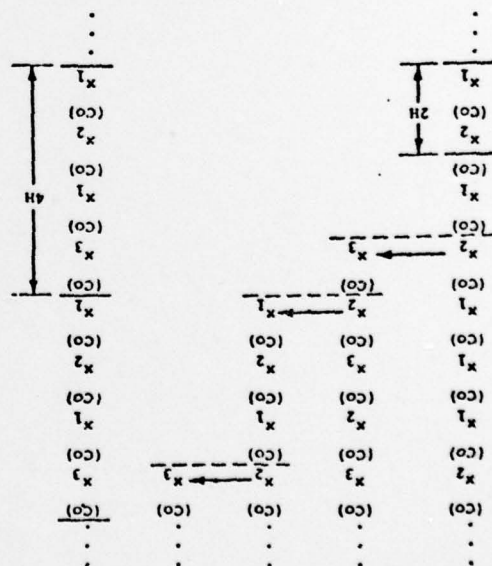


$$\begin{array}{ccc} \dots ab(\text{Co})_B y(\text{Co})_B^{\beta\alpha} (\text{Co})_A x(\text{Co})_A^{\alpha\beta} (\text{Co})_B y(\text{Co})_B^{\beta\alpha} & & \\ & \text{and} & \\ \dots ab(\text{Co})_B y(\text{Co})_B^{\alpha\alpha} (\text{Co})_C z(\text{Co})_C^{\gamma\alpha} (\text{Co})_A^{\alpha\beta} (\text{Co})_B y(\text{Co})_B^{\beta\alpha} & & \\ & & \\ \dots ab(\text{Co})_B y(\text{Co})_B^{\beta\alpha} (\text{Co})_C z(\text{Co})_C^{\gamma\alpha} (\text{Co})_A^{\alpha\beta} (\text{Co})_B y(\text{Co})_B^{\beta\alpha} & & \end{array}$$

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Fig. 7. Imperfect slip model for the transformation  $2H \rightarrow 4H$  in  $K_2Co_{17}$ .



# MAGNETIZATION, MAGNETOCRYSTALLINE ANISOTROPY AND MAGNETOSTRICTION OF Tb<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub>, Ho<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> AND Er<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> SINGLE CRYSTALS\*

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## ABSTRACT

This paper describes the temperature dependence of magnetization, the anisotropy constant  $K_1$  and the magnetostriction constant  $\lambda^Y$  of single crystals of Tb<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub>, Ho<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> and Er<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> over the temperature range 77.4°K to 400°K. Tb<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> and Ho<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> have a uniformly easy magnetization in the basal plane while Er<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> maintains an easy C axis over the entire temperature range. The anisotropy constant  $K_1$  was determined by a least square fit of the theoretical equation of magnetization to the measured magnetization curve along the hard axis. The anisotropy constant  $K_1$  at 297°K for Tb<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub>, Ho<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> and Er<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> is,  $-3.2 \times 10^7$ ,  $-0.9 \times 10^7$  and  $0.41 \times 10^7$  ergs/cm<sup>3</sup>, respectively.

The magnetostriction coefficient  $\lambda^Y$  was determined by the strain gage technique. The contribution of the Tb ion to the magnetostriction constant  $\lambda^Y$  of the R<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> compound is positive whereas the contribution of the Ho ion is negative. The magnetostrictive behavior of the Tb ion is single ion in nature.

## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this paper is to describe a study of the saturation magnetization, magnetocrystalline anisotropy and magnetostrictive behavior of Tb<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub>, Ho<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> and Er<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> and to test for the single ion nature of the rare earth ions in these compounds. Similar studies on R<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> compounds of other heavy rare earth elements have been reported earlier.<sup>(1-5)</sup>

The magnetocrystalline anisotropy energy for a hexagonal crystal is given by,<sup>(6)</sup>

$$E_A = K_1 \sin^2 \theta + K_2 \sin^4 \theta \quad (1)$$

The anisotropy constants  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  can be determined by a least square fit of the theoretical equation of magnetization to the experimentally determined magnetization curve along the hard axis.<sup>(7)</sup> Since the anisotropy constant  $K_2$  is dependent on the curvature of the magnetization curve, determined along the hard axis, the complete magnetization curve along the hard axis must be available to determine  $K_2$  accurately.

The magnetostrictive strain in hexagonal crystals as a function of the direction cosines of magnetization, direction cosines of strain measurement and the magnetostriction constants is given by Callen and Callen.<sup>(8)</sup> The magnetostriction constant  $\lambda^Y$  measures the distortion in the basal plane and is determined by selecting the  $a$  axis as the strain gage direction and the  $a$  and  $b$  axes as the initial and final directions of magnetization respectively.

The magnetization ( $m$ )<sup>R</sup> of the rare earth sublattice R is taken to be given by:

$$m^R = m_{R_2Co_{17}} - m_{Co} \quad (2)$$

The anisotropy constant  $K_1^R$  and the magnetostriction constant  $(\lambda^Y)^R$  are defined in a similar fashion.

For single ion behavior, the magnetostriction constant  $(\lambda^Y)^R$  and the anisotropy coefficient  $k_2$  (where  $k_2^R = K_1^R + \frac{2}{3} K_2^R$ )<sup>(9)</sup> are related to the magnetization of the rare earth sublattice by a hyperbolic Bessel function<sup>(8,10)</sup> given below.

$$[\lambda^Y(T, H)]^R = [\lambda^Y(0, H)]^R \hat{I}_{5/2} \left\{ \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left( \frac{m}{m_0} \right) R \right\} \quad (3)$$

$$k_2^R = k_2^R(0) \hat{I}_{5/2} \left\{ \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left( \frac{m}{m_0} \right) R \right\} \quad (4)$$

where, the argument of the Bessel function is the inverse Langevin function of the reduced magnetization of

the rare earth sublattice. The single ion nature of the rare earth ion in compounds with transition metals and in pure elements, is reported in literature.<sup>(11,12)</sup>

## EXPERIMENTAL

The saturation magnetization, magnetization curves in the easy and hard directions, and the magnetostriction constant  $\lambda^Y$  were determined from 77.4°K to 400°K on single crystals of the three compounds. Details of specimen preparation and experimental technique are described in previous papers.<sup>(1-4)</sup>

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Tb<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> and Ho<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> are both easy basal plane and Er<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> is easy C axis. The field dependence of the magnetization along easy and hard directions for Tb<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub>, Ho<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> and Er<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> are shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3, respectively. Fig. 4 shows the temperature dependence of the saturation magnetization determined from the magnetization curves in the easy direction. The saturation magnetization measured on aligned powders<sup>(13,14,15)</sup> of these compounds and single crystals<sup>(16)</sup> of Tb<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> and Ho<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub>, was determined by the extrapolation technique. The  $M_S$  value of Tb<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> only, agrees with that reported by Strnat et al.<sup>(14)</sup> The saturation magnetization of the R-Co compounds depends on the composition, which is controlled by the purity of the starting materials and the alloy preparation technique. The crystals used in this study were all Co rich with chemically analysed compositions of Tb<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17.05</sub>, Er<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17.03</sub> and Ho<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17.46</sub>. This could explain the higher  $M_S$  values for Tb<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> and Ho<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> in comparison to those reported by Deryagin and Kudrevatykh.<sup>(16)</sup>

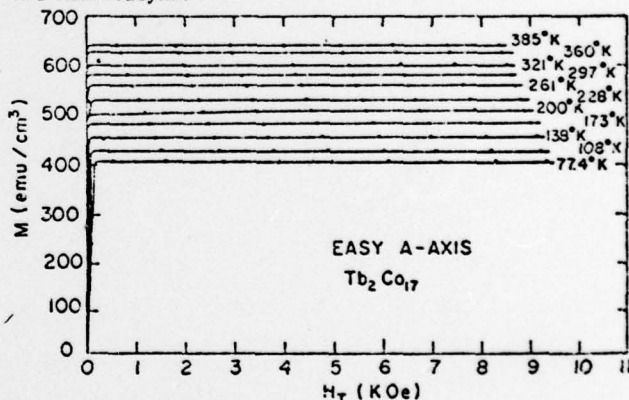


Fig. 1(a). The true field dependence of magnetization along the easy  $a$  axis for Tb<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub>

Fig. 5 shows the temperature dependence of  $K_1$  for Er<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub>, Ho<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> and Tb<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub>. The  $K_1$  values for these compounds were determined from the initial segment of the magnetization curves in the hard direction. The  $K_1$  values for Tb<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> and Ho<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> agree fairly well with the  $K_{eff}$  values reported by Deryagin and Kudrevatykh.<sup>(16)</sup> The anisotropy constant  $K_1$  of Er<sub>2</sub>Co<sub>17</sub> at 297°K measured on aligned powder by Narasimhan et al.<sup>(15)</sup> is  $0.27 \times 10^7$  ergs/cc as compared to  $0.41 \times 10^7$  ergs/cc reported in this study.

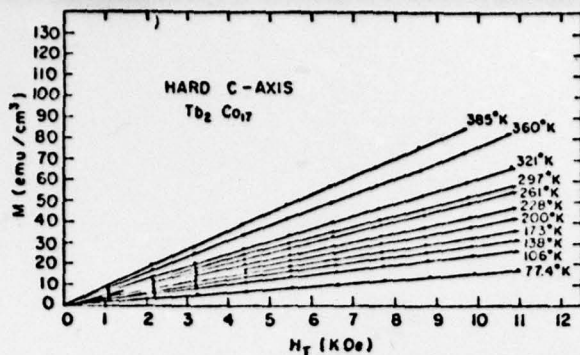


Fig. 1(b). The true field dependence of magnetization along the hard  $\underline{c}$  axis for  $\text{Tb}_2\text{Co}_{17}$ .

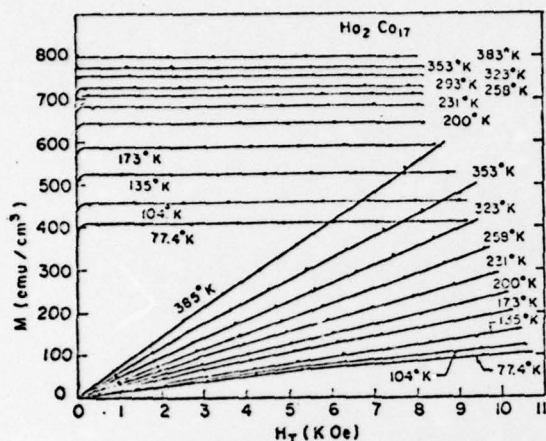


Fig. 2. The true field dependence of magnetization along the easy  $\underline{a}$  axis and the hard  $\underline{c}$  axis for  $\text{Ho}_2\text{Co}_{17}$ .

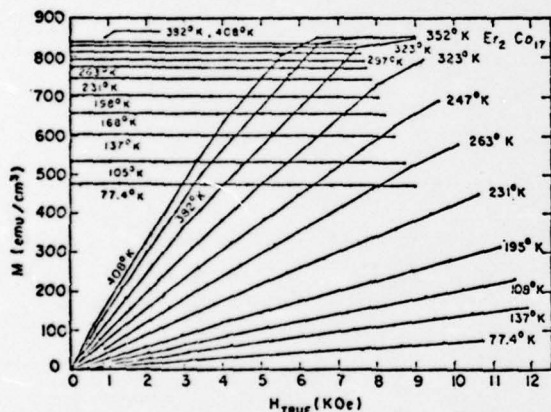


Fig. 3. The true field dependence of magnetization along the easy  $\underline{c}$  axis and hard  $\underline{a}$  axis for  $\text{Er}_2\text{Co}_{17}$ .

Fig. 6 shows the temperature dependence of the magnetostriction constant  $\lambda_Y$  for  $\text{Tb}_2\text{Co}_{17}$  and  $\text{Ho}_2\text{Co}_{17}$ . The constant  $\lambda_Y$  for  $\text{Er}_2\text{Co}_{17}$  could not be determined because of lack of saturation in the basal plane, with available fields. The Tb ion has a positive contribution to the magnetostriction of the  $\text{R}_2\text{Co}_{17}$  compounds whereas the contribution of the Ho ion is negative. This is due to the difference in share between the two rare earth ions.<sup>(17)</sup>

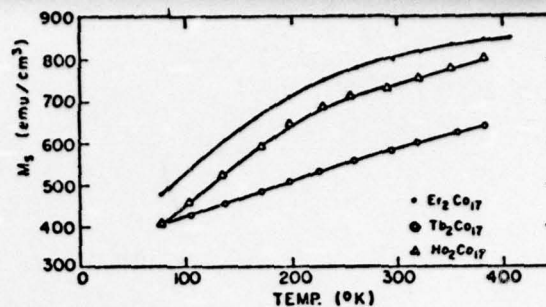


Fig. 4. The temperature dependence of saturation magnetization.

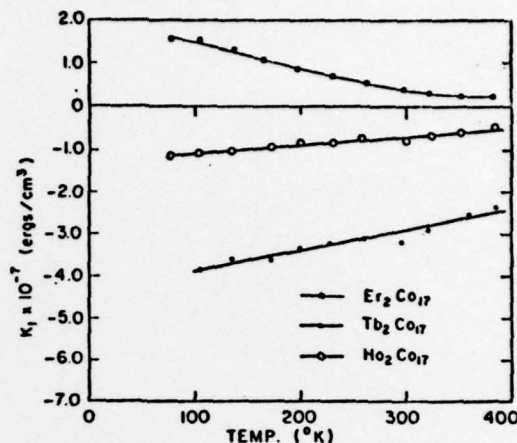


Fig. 5. The temperature dependence of the anisotropy constant  $K_1$  for  $\text{Tb}_2\text{Co}_{17}$ ,  $\text{Er}_2\text{Co}_{17}$  and  $\text{Ho}_2\text{Co}_{17}$ .

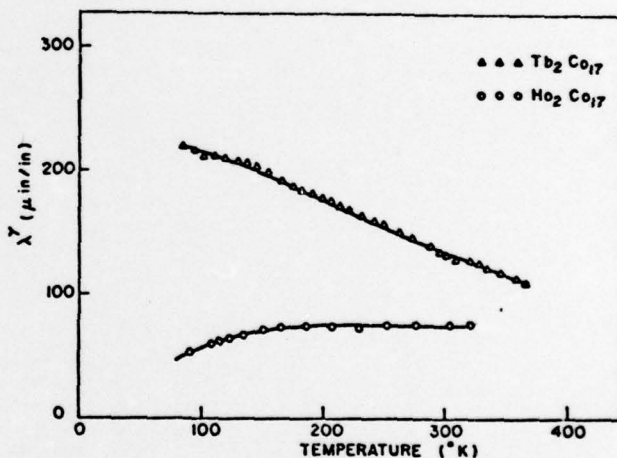


Fig. 6. The temperature dependence of  $\lambda_Y$  for  $\text{Tb}_2\text{Co}_{17}$  and  $\text{Ho}_2\text{Co}_{17}$ .

The cobalt contribution to the  $\text{Tb}_2\text{Co}_{17}$  and  $\text{Ho}_2\text{Co}_{17}$  is determined from  $\text{Y}_2\text{Co}_{17}$  which is also easy basal plane. Although pure Co differs structurally, the  $K_1$  values for pure Co reported in literature,<sup>(18)</sup> is used for determining the Co contribution to  $K_1$  for  $\text{Er}_2\text{Co}_{17}$ , since pure Co and the Co sublattice in  $\text{Er}_2\text{Co}_{17}$  both have an easy  $\underline{c}$ -axis and therefore the same sign for  $K_1$ . Since the anisotropy constant  $K_2$  could not be determined accurately, the anisotropy constant  $K_1$  is used in Equation 4 which is plotted in Figs. 7, 8 and 9 for  $\text{Tb}_2\text{Co}_{17}$ ,  $\text{Ho}_2\text{Co}_{17}$  and  $\text{Er}_2\text{Co}_{17}$ , respectively. Only the Er ion shows good agreement with



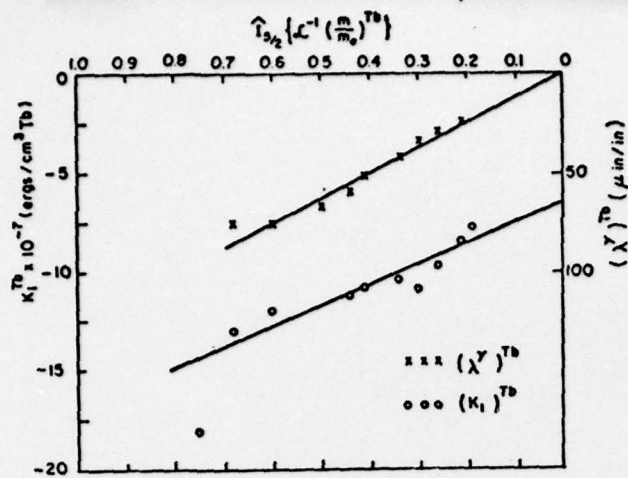


Fig. 7. The magnetization dependence of  $K_1^{\text{Tb}}$  and  $(\lambda^\gamma)^{\text{Tb}}$  for the Tb ion.

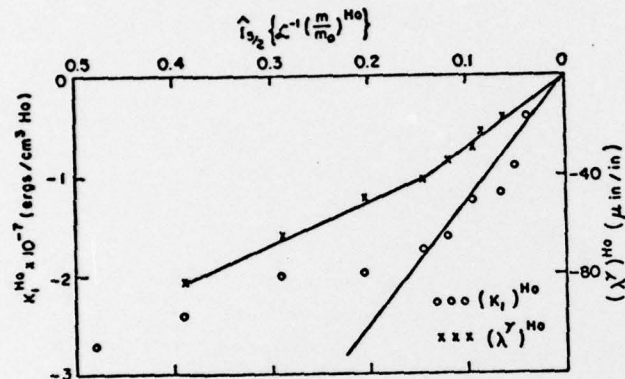


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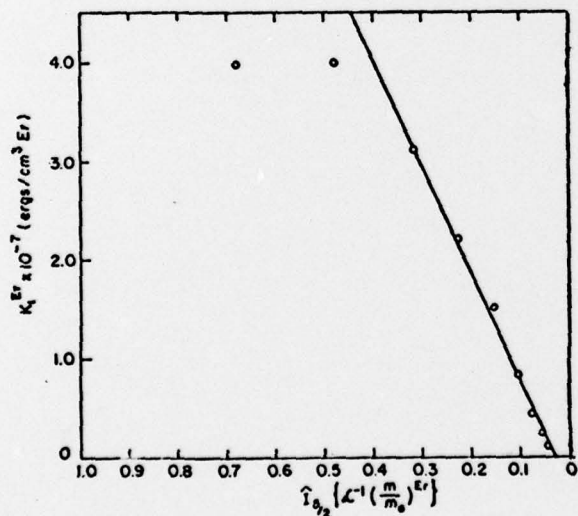


Fig. 9. The magnetization dependence of  $K_1^{\text{Er}}$  for the Er ion.

single ion anisotropy behavior which may indicate that  $K_2^{\text{Er}}$  is not as significant in  $\text{Er}_2\text{Co}_{17}$  as in the other compounds. The contribution to magnetostriction of the Tb and Ho ions are shown in Figs. 9 and 10. The

magnetostriction of the Tb ion shows excellent agreement with single ion behavior whereas the deviation of the Ho ion from this behavior is not understood.

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